Conceptual Framework

FAQs

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The Green Chemistry Draft Regulation for Safer Consumer Products is now available for review and comment. This draft regulation is built on the foundation outlined in the previously released Conceptual Flowchart and Outline for Draft Regulation.

The draft regulation specifies the processes for DTSC to scientifically and systematically identify and prioritize chemicals and consumer products, for manufacturers to conduct alternatives assessments, and for DTSC to impose regulatory responses for alternatives selected by manufacturers.

The regulation reflects nearly 16 months of collaboration with stakeholders, including the use of a "wiki" to gather information electronically; numerous formal and informal meetings and workshops; input from the Green Ribbon Science Panel; feedback regarding a "straw" proposal released in late 2009; and the Conceptual Flowchart and Draft Outline for Draft Regulation released in the spring of 2010.

The draft regulation released on June 23 was the subject of two additional informal half-day <u>public workshops</u> on July 7 and 8. Both workshops were held in the Cal/EPA Building and webcast.

Comments on the draft regulation are due by July 15, 2010, and may be sent to:

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DTSC may revise the draft regulation based on comments received and will release the revised draft following the July 15 comment deadline. The formal Administrative Procedures Act (APA) rulemaking process will begin with the release of that draft.

The APA process calls for public hearings and a 45-day public comment period. Specific information about the APA process will be announced when the final draft regulation is available for review.